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TITLE OF INVENTION: SPECIMEN SENSING APPARATUS				

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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

With respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance dated February 27, 2006, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner to any extent that such statement characterizes the invention in a manner at variance with the actual wording of the claims.

As set forth in the Notice of Allowance, these comments are being filed along with the payment of the Issue Fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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